

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does the Government give licenses to places or to persons to carry on the trade wherever they like?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The licenses are given to places.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has the Department given licenses for tea-shops to some people with one anna stamps?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Cart track leading to Vellikulangara from Chalakkudi—repair of.

76. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received petitions for repairing the cart track leading to Vellikulangara from Chalakkudi; will they be pleased to place on the table the Order, D. Dis. 10729/07, dated 13th July 1932; have they done any improvement on the road after this order; if so, what?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—A petition was received on 26th February 1932. A copy of the Diwan's Proceedings, D. Dis. 10729/07, dated 13th July 1932 is appended. (*Vide Appendix II*). No improvement to the road has been carried out. The Road Board, to whom the matter was subsequently referred, recommended that the work may be abandoned for the time being.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In the appendix it is said "The Chief Engineer proposes that the metalling of the above road costing Rs. 10,000 may be postponed and conveniently attended to within a period of two or three years, etc." May I know when there was a definite proposal like this and sanction given by the Diwan, why was it referred to the Road Board?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was one of the functions of the Road Board to select road works which have to be included in a certain year's budget. At the time of preparing the last budget, we placed all these proposals before the Board and they thought that this work may be postponed, because they have included another work which was an extension of the road from Kodakara to Vellikulangara, as that road was considered more important. So, this particular work was postponed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was this communication taken to the notice of the Road Board?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Acquisition of lands for a road from Chalakkudi road to Nemmanikkara Desam.

77. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether orders were issued in 1108 or so for the acquisition of lands for the construction of a road from the Chalakkudi road to Nammanikkara Desam; if so, when ;

(2) were acquisition proceedings taken ;

(3) was any amount allotted in the budget for the same ; if so, what was the amount ;

(4) what are the special reasons for not proceeding with the construction of the road?

Mr. P. V. Raphael. —

(1) Yes, in 1107.

(2) The acquisition ordered was withdrawn.

(3) Yes, Rs. 623—1—4.

(4) The usefulness of the road was not considered commensurate with the cost involved in opening it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether any objection petition was received by the Government from a Brahmin land-holder in Nammanikkara not to acquire these lands after the acquisition proceedings were passed?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—There was an objection petition.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Who was the Diwan who cancelled those acquisition proceedings?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When was it cancelled?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It was cancelled in 1108.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was not Mr. Kasturirenga Ayyar acting as Diwan then?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know what is the length of the road?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is only two furlongs.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were not enquiries made before the acquisition proceedings were started regarding the usefulness of the road?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Some sort of preliminary enquiry was made.